

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 27 October 2015, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors L Attard – Chairman
E Checkley
B Oldham
J Pollard
A Wilkes
Borough Councillor D Waters
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 2 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Ridal and Smith and County Councillor Awford.

2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE FOR NEW COUNCILLOR

Councillor Oldham signed his Declaration of Acceptance and handed the Clerk his completed Register of Members Interest form.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on the Tuesday, 29 September 2015, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed after two amendments were made.

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: Received

The Chairman agreed to bring forward agenda item 8.4 **Proposed development of the field behind Pink Cottage, The Green, Apperley:** Following the public meeting the Chairman had asked the Clerk to type up a short report highlighting the key points raised at the meeting – this report was circulated at the meeting. The Parish Council agreed to take up the traffic problems around school times and had arranged to meet with Richard Waters from Gloucestershire Highways on Tuesday, 10 November at 3pm so he could experience the problems first hand. The Clerk reported that she had spoken with David Taylor from TBC Enforcement and he was satisfied that there had been no planning breach to date.

6 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

7 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Main agenda item is Devolution. Gloucestershire are amongst 20 authorities who have put in a bid to Government. The bill of devolution is an opportunity for Gloucestershire to take greater control for its public services based on what people need and want. The county would have more responsibility over social care and health spending, local transport networks, business rates and education and infrastructure. GCC will probably hear in the autumn if they are being considered but might be a while before the final decision is made.
- Has attended a Course in Warwick on “finances for Local Government”.
- Budget time for the Borough Council

8 PLANNING:

8.1 Applications:

15/01088/FUL Daffodil Cottage. Deerhurst Proposed conversion of stable adjoining dwelling to form dining room

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application but are concerned during building works about construction vehicles parking on the road as it is very narrow. Access for large vehicles (ie tractors) needs to be kept available at all times.

8.2 TBC Decisions: None to date

8.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None to date

8.4 Proposed development of the field behind Pink Cottage, The Green, Apperley: This item was brought forward to Public Comment.

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

9.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 October 2015	309.33		
Less Tax	<u>61.80</u>	247.53	Cheque No: 000836

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		61.80	Cheque No: 000837
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Countrywide: 11 th cut	125.00		
	<u>VAT 25.00</u>		
Football Pitch 1, 16 & 23 Sept	120.00		
	<u>VAT 24.00</u>	294.00	Via Bank Transfer

Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held 27.10.15		15.00	Via Bank Transfer
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H Bult & Sons: Cost of Sykes GP150 Water pump	4400.00		
	<u>VAT 880.00</u>	5280.00	Cheque No: 000838

Bruton Knowles: Professional services in Connection with Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation scheme	1800.89		
	<u>VAT 360.18</u>	2161.07	Via Bank Transfer

Smiths – further works in connection of building Bund	7750.00		
	<u>VAT 1550.00</u>	9300.00	Cheque No: 000839

RBL Poppy Appeal: Cost wreath plus donation to RBL		20.00	Cheque No: 000840
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GPFA Membership Renewal due October 2015		50.00	Cheque No: 000841
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Severn Trent Water: water rate for the period 22 April – 19 October 2015		95.80	Cheque No: 000842
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Total Payments		£17525.20	
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Receipts

TBC – BACS transfer	1800.89
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TBC – BACS transfer	12150.00
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Total Receipt:	£13950.89
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9.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

9.3 Pinkerton Leeke & Co – Invoice for acting on behalf of DPC and the DPFA: The Clerk confirmed that she had asked Pinkerton Leeke & Co for a copy of the “Terms of Engagement”.

10 MATTERS ARISING

10.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing further to report.

Playing Field: The Clerk reported that the Football Club had requested a cut of the pitch every week until the 7 October. The Parish Council had authorised an additional cut of all areas as the grass was growing very quickly. The Clerk confirmed that there was one more cut in October however the Chairman said that an additional cut maybe be required if the warm weather continued.

Football Club: Clerk confirmed that the Football Club had settled the outstanding invoice.

Play Area: Email received from Mrs Sue Woodthorpe stating that Mr & Mrs Taylor has kindly donated a picnic bench for the play area which Brian Leeke has installed next to the other one. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write a letter of thanks to Mr & Mrs Taylor expressing their gratitude.

Allotments: Mr Leeke had asked if there was anyone on the waiting list who would like to take on the overgrown allotment next to Allotment No 12. It was understood that he had someone from the Community Payback Scheme next week who the Councillors thought might be able to tidy up the proposed allotment site. Clerk confirmed that she still had people on the waiting list. She agreed to contact Mr Leeke.

10.2 Highways:

A38 Closure: In all there are three sections of surfacing work which will be taking place along the A38 between Longford Roundabout and Tewkesbury over the next three months. The first section is Longford roundabout to Longford Lane started 13 October and finished 15 October. This will involve a full resurfacing and require daytime road closures. Second phase 5 November with Amey will be carrying out carriageway patching works between Coombe Hill and the Stonehills Roundabout. The third section will involve carriageway patching between Longford and Coombe Hill between the 18 November and the 14 December. No road closures are planned for this with all of the work being undertaken using traffic signals where necessary.

Deerhurst Road: Sunken manhole had been repaired. Look at with Richard Waters on the 10 November.

Footway outside School: Meeting with Richard Waters Tuesday 10 November.

10.3 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Smith' email had been circulated to Councillor which stated:

- Flood works are now 90% complete with the actual earthworks 99% complete.
- Still await the transfer of a tiny piece of land at the western end to complete them. The legal paperwork and transfer to the company are also being delayed by this.
- Contractors have finished the ditch cleaning either side of the road from the A38 which will be a big improvement.
- Still quite a lot of fencing and landscape planting to do but Deerhurst Walton are very close to being protected.
- Have sourced an ex Environment Agency pump to pump the water accumulating on the road side of the defence over the bund.

10.4 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard reported that various areas around the stiles are overgrown. Whilst the verges and hedges are cut back the area around the stiles is not. The Chairman reported that the hedge at Inghams Corner had not been cut back and visibility poor when turning into village from B4213. Agreed to have a site visit with Richard Waters.

10.5 The Coal House – Asset of Community Value: Clerk to chase.

10.6 Deed of Dedication – Ludlow Hewitt Memorial Playing Fields: Councillor Checkley returned the forms to the Clerk and said that these now needed to be sent off with a cheque for the sum of £40. The Clerk and Councillors were very grateful to Councillor Checkley for “sorting” this out.

10.7 Grass Cutting – Deerhurst: Communication had been received from Mr Rutter as verges on “Independence Lane” had not been cut this year. The Clerk spoke with Mr Morris who in turn contacted Mr Preece to ask him to include the lane as it is actually on the map of areas to be cut. In future Clerk to contact Mr Preece to ask him to cut the verges (and to include Independence Lane) to

save troubling Mr Morris

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 GCC – Gloucestershire draft Local Transport Plan (2015-2031) Consultation: Noted.

Any Other Correspondence: CRPE Newsletter All Town and Parish Councils are Members by default and will received a copy of the newsletter.

12 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

BMX Track: The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Mr Will Morris who confirmed that he was still inspecting the track every two weeks but was planning to hand this job over to Billy Davies. He is disappointed that the track is not being used much. Councillor Oldham said that he has seen smaller children riding their bikes on the track. Monitor for the time being.

Dates 2016: Clerk to circulate.

Service Village Forum: Councillor Pollard gave a short update and highlighted that Stoke Orchard is now a Service Village and the total number of houses being proposed has reverted to 880 (instead of 752).

Broadband: Councillor Oldham reported as follows:

- There had been a “thread” on the Apperley & Deerhurst Facebook page seeking peoples’ ideas and thoughts of a new broadband service for Apperley & Deerhurst
- Also been in discussion with Mr Geoff Smith about possible option of supplying an independent broadband service as BT do not seem interested in providing an improved service.
- Broadband grants for small businesses are currently on hold
- Coopers Edge has had a broadband scheme for their village. The website is <http://edgenetworks.co.uk/> which explains the technology and shows pricing for the Coopers Edge setup.
- The set up enables the Community to have access to reliable broadband connectivity that delivers and doesn’t rely on a landline and are doing this by building and supporting a broadband network for the community, in the community, connecting properties wirelessly
- Would try to meet with someone from Coopers Edge in the next week or two and see if they are able to set up a demonstration for the next PC meeting.

13 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 24 November 2015 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 8.40pm.